

Bus Report – There has been a great deal of confusion and discussion about our bus run. So that the school community is fully informed the BOT has undertaken to present the historical perspective along with current status. Please look for the report.

The following statement clarifies the BOT position as at June 2010 as regards Waitomo children attending other schools.

Parents are entitled to have transport to the nearest school if they live far enough away. Should they choose to send their child to a more distant school then transport to that school is the parents' responsibility.

Fundraising: Alannah Batger convened a meeting to discuss fundraising possibilities. Our big pending costs will be replacing our failing photocopier and paying for our PA system. Once we have the new photocopier this will provide a funds generation opportunity.

Reporting to parents: Staff have undertaken the promised review of reporting to parents and have come up with a plan. Shortly, the school community will be issued with a sample for comment. **PLEASE BE INVOLVED IN THIS PROCESS!**

Strategic Plan and Charter – It is the BOT's intention to have a workshop/brainstorming session, facilitated by Geoff Mooar (Geoff is a past principal and is currently carrying out the Principal Appraisal over this year), sometime in August.

The Ministry of Education requires that "every school have a Charter. The preparation and maintenance of the Charter is central to the board's governance and strategic leadership role. It is important that the board's current thinking is reflected in the Charter and that there is a **high degree of ownership not only by trustees but by the school community.**"

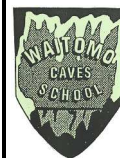
We will let you know when this will take place and we urge you to be a part of the process.

Please feel free to put forward your ideas about the school, positive and negative, to BOT or staff. Keep yourselves informed by attending Parent Meetings.

Martha Ash, Co-Chair

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

18 June	Last newsletter for this term
29 June	NZPF Conference
2 July	Community Assembly
2 July	Last day of Term 2
19 July	Term 3 begins
20 July	Fundraising Committee meeting, 3.30pm
Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺	



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Term Two 2010

Week Nine – 18 June

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

This will be the last school newsletter for this term as I will be on conference during week 11.

There have been several fliers and notices going home over the last few weeks. All families should have received the Bus Report. If this did not make it home to you please let me know and we can distribute yours again.

Thank you Riteshni, Mitch, Alannah, Marci, Barbara, Mrs Fleming, Miss Jackson and Ms Easton for providing transport to Te Kuiti yesterday so we could learn so much about astronomy. The StarLab experience was engaging and we all came away with new information to share. Ask the children about Matariki, the Southern Cross and the stinging Scorpion.

Draft Report Format

Accompanying this newsletter is a draft report format. The yellow sheet explains the report. Please read through these and provide comments by writing on it. If you have feedback regarding the report format we would like this returned around week two of next term or prior if you wish.



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Kick-Start to School Classes

Kick-Start to School Classes will resume on Monday 26 July at 9.00am. We tend to start week two of each term enabling everyone to get back in to routine after the school holidays. Lennox Gray will be joined by Lilly Taane-Edwards and Taylor Taane-Burgess.

Fundraising Committee

A school Fundraising Committee met for the first time on Monday 7 June

Present: Alannah, Batch, Dawn, Marci, Myke, Marlene, Tamae

Apologies: Gaye

Decisions made:

Informal group

Meet first week of each term to plan fundraising for each term and when necessary for specific projects

Myke is the co-ordinator and will call meetings

We will not have a separate bank account

We will have a running balance sheet within the school finances

All money spent and received will be clearly differentiated and will not be absorbed into the general school operations

Money raised will be for a specific project

The fundraising project suggestions will need to come from the school community (BOT/Teachers/Pupils/Parents)

The decision of which projects to take on will be made by the fundraising committee

Cadbury Chocolate

Thank you to all our children and families who have been busy selling chocolates. Could you please bring the money to school before the end of this term. Your efforts have raised a total of \$750. This money will go towards our new PA system.

Aluminium Cans/Old Car Batteries/Rabbit Poo

A friendly reminder of our all year fundraising ventures. Aluminium cans are collected at school for recycling. Please help us with this fundraiser and bring your empty cans along to school. They are kept in a bag behind the library and are sent off for cash! Old car batteries are also collected for recycling. Bring some along as well! We sell rabbit manure at \$5 a bag, great for the winter vege gardens. Ring Batch and Alannah on 8787995 or order through the school. Please tell your family and friends.

School Photos

We have confirmed the proofs for our school photos from PhotoLife. We have asked that these are sent to us before the end of the term but have not been informed whether this will happen. Fingers crossed.

School T-Shirts

Please return the t-shirts to school as soon as possible. All soccer players will need to hold onto theirs until the end of the soccer season, however we would like to keep track of the others by the end of this term for future school events.

Community Assembly

Our next community assembly will be held on the last day of term. This is **Friday 2 July at 1.40pm**. Please remember we have our last assembly for the term earlier than usual. Children will be dismissed to go home after assembly around 2.20pm.

Community News

Otorohanga Library school holiday activity. Library meeting room, Tuesday 13 July at 10.30am to 12 noon. Ages 6 to 9 years, no charge. Bring an ice-cream container. For further information and to reserve a place for your children, phone 873 7175.

Wednesday Table Tennis – come and have a go. PING PONG is back in Te Kuiti. Come along and enjoy 6 weeks of friendly competition for ages 7 to 97. Where – Te Kuiti Primary School hall. When – Starts 16 June. Time – Under 13 yrs – 4pm to 5.30pm. Adults & over 13yrs – 5.30pm to 7.30pm. Cost – Kids \$1, adults \$2 per evening. Bats and balls provided. Contact Dede at Sport Waikato in Waitomo – 878 7867.

Board of Trustees News

Report from the meeting held on Tuesday 8th June 2010, Waitomo Caves School at 6pm.

Board Elections and secondments – The BOT has the following new members: Richard Jones, Gaye Gray and Alannah Batger. Martha Ash and Myke Taane have been seconded to the Board and Ben Stubbs, Helen Easton and Tamae Dimond are continuing on. Responsibilities are as follows:

Ben Stubbs, Martha Ash, Co-Chairs

Gaye Gray, Treasurer

Alannah Batger, Health and Safety

Ben Stubbs, Gaye Gray, Property

Helen Easton, Staff Rep

Martha Ash, Minutes Secretary